

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3039

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S/S PLEASE PASS USDA

EYES ONLY FOR SECRETARY BUTZ FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, UR, EAGR

SUBJ: PRESS MEETING WITH SPRING WHEAT TEAM

REF: MOSCOW 11052

1. I WISH TO CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION A SERIOUS PROBLEM WHICH HAS DEVELOPED WITH MOSCOW-BASED US CORRESPONDENTS REGARDING THEIR ACCESS TO USDA SPRING WHEAT TEAM WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN MOSCOW AUGUST 8 EN ROUTE BACK TO WASHINGTON. CORRESPONDENTS HERE ARE MOST INSISTENT ON MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF TEAM, AT LEAST ON BACKGROUND BASIS. IF THEY ARE DENIED ACCESS TO REPRESENTATIVE OF TEAM, SEVERAL CORRESPONDENTS HAVE INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO FILE STORIES WHICH I FEEL COULD BE SERIOUSLY DAMAGING. I BELIEVE THAT SUCH A MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED WITHOUT IN ANY WAY PREJUDICING THE FUTURE PRESS HANDLING OF SOVIET GRAIN STORY BY USDA OR UNDERMINING SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL CHANNELS. IF TEAM LEADER OR SPOKESMAN IS AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND MY REGULAR FRIDAY BACKGROUND BRIEFING FOR PRESS AND RESPOND TO QUESTIONS RE TREATMENT OF DELEGATION, I BELIEVE WE CAN AVOID SOME VERY DAMAGING REPORTS, WITHOUT BECOMING INVOLVED IN PREMATURE PREDICTIONS. I WILL VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR  
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ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER AND YOUR AUTHORIZATION OF LIMITED

PRESS CONTACT AS DESCRIBED IN MORE DETAIL IN THE TELEGRAM  
UNDER REFERENCE.

2. WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED USDA

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